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Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/122,384

Examiner

Elledge et al.

Remy Yucel

Group Art Unit 1636



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.
☑ This communication is responsive to the communication filed 10 April 2000
∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20, 26, 30-35, and 37-42
☐ The drawings filed on are acceptable.
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
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received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)
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oxtimes because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No
including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on, which has been approved by the examiner.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.
☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.
Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.
Attachment(s)
☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
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Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 21-25, 27-29 and 36 have been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected

invention.

#### Conclusion

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1636 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 CFR § 1.6 (d)). The Group 1600 FAX numbers are (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014. Unofficial faxes may be sent to the examiner at (703) 305-7939. NOTE: If applicant *does* submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by Applicant or Applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

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should be directed to Remy Yucel, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (703) 305-1998. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Fridays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

Dr. George Elliott can be reached at (703) 308-4003.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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**Primary Patent Examiner** 

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